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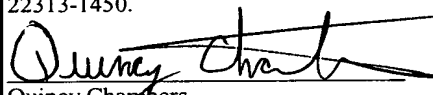
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Steven E. Parker  
5 Serial No.: 09/904,289  
Filing Date: July 12, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 2633  
Examiner: Reza Sedighian  
10 Title: SYNCHRONOUS COLLAPSED RING  
ARCHITECTURE FOR REAL-TIME SIGNAL  
SWITCHING AND DISTRIBUTION

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 28, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the amendments and comments set forth below.